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Tradition. Excellence. Results.

MichieHamlett has represented consumer groups, individuals, businesses, and classes of injured parties for nearly 75 years in the courts of Virginia and the United States. With expertise in complex litigation, MichieHamlett attorneys have successfully recovered hundreds of millions of dollars in compensation for their clients. Eleven of the firm's attorneys are listed in "Best Lawyers," which is the oldest and most respected peer-review publication in the legal profession. Nine attorneys are "Super Lawyers," which is a list of outstanding lawyers from more than 70 practice areas who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement.

The firm's lawyers have limited the focus of their practices to certain areas and this is reflected in the organization of the firm into three practice groups – the Commercial Group, the Personal Services Group, and the Personal Injury Group.

The Commercial Group handles corporate and commercial matters, including commercial litigation. The Personal Services Group handles family law matters including divorce and custody disputes, trust and estate matters and real estate transactions. The Personal Injury Group represents people who are seriously injured by defective products, defective drugs and medications, medical malpractice, tractor trailer and auto accidents, structural collapses and other incidents in which another person's failure to use ordinary care for the safety of others has caused serious injury or death.

For over 35 years our Injury Group specialists have represented thousands of victims of asbestos injury in litigation and bankruptcy claims against the companies that made and sold asbestos products. Our mass tort expertise also includes representation in national multi-plaintiff cases involving Roundup/Monsanto/Bayer, Essure, hernia and pelvic mesh, and hundreds of claims against the Republic of Iran and international banks for coordinating and funding attacks against American servicemembers in Iraq.

Complex business transactions have been successfully concluded by the firm's lawyers who practice in the areas of corporate and commercial law. Often working with counsel from out of state and occasionally out of the country, the firm has assisted clients in the start-up of new businesses, financing for commercial and real estate development, corporate acquisitions, and securities matters. Currently, our attorneys are serving as lead local counsel in a nationwide consumer class action against American Web Loans, challenging web-based unsecured lender's reliance upon tribal sovereign immunity as a defense to state and federal consumer regulations and usury laws. Final approval of the \$141 million settlement is pending in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Norfolk Division.

The firm represents clients throughout Virginia and beyond, from the coal fields of southwest Virginia to Roanoke, Charlottesville, Richmond, Williamsburg and Norfolk in the eastern part of the state, and Alexandria and Fairfax County in the north. We are dedicated to service through pro bono work, partnering with the Legal Aid Justice Center in Virginia to bring a class action lawsuit against Senex Law for its abusive and unfair debt collection practices in violation of federal law. Our attorneys are leaders in the community and legal arena, serving on the Board of Governors and Executive Council of the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association, the American Association for Justice, and dedicating hundreds of hours annually to legal education through the University of Virginia and continuing education for attorneys.

Biographies for the firm's attorneys proposed to be a part of the leadership in this case appear below. Additional biographies can be found at www.michiehamlett.com.

Lisa Brook has helped clients find dignity and peace following an injury or personal crisis, during her many years practicing law. Her understanding of the difficulties that come after life altering injuries allows her to provide quality representation for her clients and their families during their time of need.

With success in courtrooms throughout Virginia, she has maintained an active trial practice and provided compassionate, dependable service to clients in diverse areas of the law.

Lisa has been an active member of the Virginia State Bar since 1993, and is admitted to practice in the Eastern and Western Districts of Virginia. She received her law degree from the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College of William and Mary, and her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Virginia.

When she is not in court Lisa enjoys running in local races like the Charlottesville Ten Miler and attending UVa football games with her family.



LISA S. BROOK

PRACTICE AREAS

- Legal Malpractice
- Asbestos
- Brain Injury
- Automotive & Trucking
- Wrongful Death
- Medical Malpractice

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Charlottesville Albemarle Bar Association
- University of Virginia Women's Center Legal Clinic, Pro Bono
- Foothills Child Advocacy Center, Board Chair
- Virginia Trial Lawyers Association, Member
- Virginia Trial Lawyers Association: Women Trial Lawyers Caucus, Chair Elect
- Virginia Trial Lawyers Association: Board of Governors, At Large
- American Association for Justice, Women Trial Lawyers Caucus

BAR ADMISSIONS

Virginia

EDUCATION

University of Virginia
B.A. 1990

College of William and Mary
Marshall-Wythe School of
Law
J.D. 1993

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Kyle McNew is a trial lawyer, with a focus on issues and appeals arising out of personal injury and products liability cases. He has argued complex issues before the Supreme Court of Virginia, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, federal district courts throughout Virginia, and the Virginia circuit courts and has been recognized as a “Rising Star” in Virginia, appellate bar. He also has an active trial practice with a particular interest in cases involving punitive damages due to drinking or distracted driving. He is a member of the Virginia State Bar, and is admitted to practice in the courts of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth and Sixth Circuits, and the United States District Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Virginia.

Kyle has chaired the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association’s amicus curiae committee, and has authored several amicus briefs on behalf of VTLA. He is a member of the VTLA Board of Governors, as well as the Board of Governors for the Litigation Section of the Virginia State Bar, and the Judicial Candidate Evaluation Committee of the Virginia State Bar, and frequently presents at seminars and CLE courses on appellate advocacy and legal issues arising in civil litigation.

After graduating from law school, Kyle clerked for the Honorable Walter D. Kelley, Jr., of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, practiced complex litigation in the Norfolk office of an international law firm, and before joining MichieHamlett, clerked for the Honorable Boyce F. Martin, Jr., of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

A lifelong Virginia resident, Kyle lives in Charlottesville with his wife, sons, and springer spaniel. In his free time, he enjoys working in his yard, hiking, and cooking.



KYLE MCNEW

BAR ADMISSIONS

Virginia

EDUCATION

College of William and Mary
B.A. 2003

Washington and Lee
University School of Law,
magna cum laude
J.D. 2006

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PRACTICE AREAS

- Appellate
- Civil Litigation
- Personal Injury
- Products Liability
- Wrongful Death

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Virginia Trial Lawyers Association
- Virginia Bar Association
- American Association for Justice
- Charlottesville Albemarle Bar Association
- Executive Editor, Washington and Lee Law Review

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- Virginia Super Lawyers, Rising Star Appellate Practice 2014
- Virginia Super Lawyers, 2009-Present
- Best Lawyers in America, 2017-2019

Greg Webb represents individuals and families facing challenges from automobile accidents and tractor-trailer crashes, construction accidents, heavy equipment accidents, automobile defects, wrongful death, consumer product defects, traumatic brain injury, and asbestos illnesses.

After graduating from the University of Virginia in 1986 with a degree in Economics, Greg entered the United States Army for four years active duty with the 10th Mountain Division. Greg entered law school in 1992 and graduated from the University of Richmond School of Law in 1995 where he was admitted to the Virginia State Bar and Federal Courts of Virginia.

Greg obtained one of the largest wrongful death verdicts in Virginia history when an Albemarle County jury returned a \$5.4 million verdict in a tractor-trailer crash that took the life of a 16-year-old high school honor student.

He has obtained numerous settlements for clients against commercial trucking companies and businesses of or exceeding \$1,000,000, including a combined tractor-trailer and product liability case that settled for \$10,000,000. Greg has litigated cases from Florida to New York and frequently represents out-of-state clients.



J. GREGORY WEBB

PRACTICE AREAS

- Automotive & Trucking
- Products Liability
- Wrongful Death
- Brain Injury
- Asbestos

MILITARY SERVICE

- U.S. Army, Active Duty Fort Drum, NY 1986-1990
- 10th Mountain Division, Platoon Leader 1987-1990
- Airborne Qualified, Fort Benning GA 1985
- UVa Army ROTC Four-Year Scholarship 1982-1986

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Virginia Trial Lawyers Association Board of Governors 2008-Present
- Southern Trial Lawyers Association
- American Association for Justice, Board of Governors 2018-Present
- American Board of Trial Advocates 2019-Present
- Charlottesville Albemarle Bar Association
- Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum Life Member
- Melvin M. Belli Society 2019-Present

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- Preeminent AV Rating by Martindale-Hubbell
- Best Lawyers in America 2010-Present
- Super Lawyers 2010-Present
- Lawyer of the Year 2012 for Personal Injury Litigation, Charlottesville, Virginia
- Lawyer of the Year 2018 for Personal Injury Litigation, Charlottesville, Virginia

BAR ADMISSIONS

Virginia

EDUCATION

University of Virginia
B.A. Economics 1986

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School of Law
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DiCello Levitt Gutzler LLC's Experience and Representative Cases

Representing institutional investors, individuals, businesses, and public clients, the firm's attorneys have successfully prosecuted and settled numerous complex cases and class actions, resulting in billions of dollars in recoveries for their clients and other class members. Partners Mark DiCello, Adam Levitt, and Greg Gutzler lead a top-notch team of recognized leaders who share a collective depth of experience and steadfast commitment to justice. Their tireless advocacy on behalf of their clients is well-known, recently leading Mike Bowers, Georgia's former Attorney General, to characterize a settlement obtained by Adam Levitt and Amy Keller on behalf of small business owners against a major credit card processor as a "work of art," and "one of the best pieces of legal work I have ever observed." *Champs Sports Bar & Grill v. Mercury Payment Systems, LLC*, No. 16-cv-00012 (N.D. Ga.).

Based in Chicago, Cleveland, New York, and St. Louis, with a nationwide practice, the firm's attorneys have successfully led—and are presently leading—many large class and multidistrict actions, including against industry titans such as Apple, Intel, General Motors, and Equifax, and representing businesses and investors in arbitrations and litigation in multiple courts.

REPRESENTATIVE CASES

<i>Dana Nessel on Behalf of the People of the State of Michigan v. 3M Company, et al.</i> , No. 20-03366-NZ (Mich. Cir. Ct., Kent County)	Appointed Special Assistant Attorneys General to represent the State of Michigan against manufacturers and companies which polluted the state with polyfluoroalkyl chemicals.	Special Assistant Attorneys General
<i>In re American Medical Collection Agency, Inc., Customer Data Security Breach Litig.</i> , No. 19-md-2904 (D.N.J.)	Data breach affecting millions of patients whose personal information in laboratory records was exposed by a collections company.	Co-Lead Counsel
<i>In Re: Marriott International, Inc., Customer Data Security Breach Litigation</i> , No. 19-md-02879 (D. Md.)	Data breach affecting nearly 400 million people.	Co-Lead Counsel
<i>T.S. Kao, Inc., et al. v. North American Bancard, LLC, et al.</i> , No. 16-cv-4219 (N.D. Ga.)	Nationwide settlement for \$15 million for merchants who were overcharged for credit card processing services.	Co-Lead Counsel
<i>In re Intel Corp. CPU Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation</i> , No. 18-md-02828 (D. Or.)	Nationwide class action related to security flaws in Intel-manufactured CPUs.	Plaintiffs' Steering Committee
<i>In re Apple Inc. Device Performance Litigation</i> , No. 18-md-02827 (N.D. Cal.)	International class action concerning device performance throttling; \$500 million settlement.	Plaintiffs' Executive Committee
<i>In re Polaris Marketing, Sales Practices, and Products Liability Litigation</i> , No. 18-cv-0939 (D. Minn.)	Nationwide class action against off-road vehicle manufacturer related to design defects impacting driver safety.	Co-Lead Counsel
<i>In re Equifax, Inc. Customer Data Security Breach Litigation</i> , No. 17-MD-02800 (N.D. Ga.)	Data breach affecting nearly 150 million people; settlement of \$1.5 billion.	Co-Lead Counsel

<i>State of New Mexico, ex rel. Hector H. Balderas v. Takata Corporation</i> , No. D-101-CV-2017-00176 (Santa Fe 1st Jud. Dist., N.M.)	Consumer protection lawsuit brought by state attorney general involving defective and dangerous airbags.	Counsel by Special Commission
<i>Champs Sports Bar & Grill v. Mercury Payment Systems, LLC</i> , No. 16-cv-00012 (N.D. Ga.)	Card processing fee class action resulting in nationwide settlement of \$52 million for small businesses.	Co-Lead Counsel
<i>Sloan v. General Motors LLC</i> , No. 16-cv-07244 (N.D. Cal.)	Excessive oil consumption defect class action.	Co-Lead Counsel
<i>State of New Mexico, ex rel. Hector H. Balderas v. Volkswagen Group of America</i> , No. D-101-CV-2016-00131 (Santa Fe 1st Jud. Dist., N.M.)	Consumer protection lawsuit related to corporation's use of defeat device to circumvent state consumer and environmental laws.	Counsel by Special Commission
<i>In re Volkswagen "Clean Diesel" Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation</i> , No. 15-md-2672 (N.D. Cal.)	Vehicle emissions/defeat device class action litigation resulting in over \$16 billion in total settlements for consumers.	Plaintiffs' Steering Committee
<i>In re General Motors LLC Ignition Switch Litigation</i> , No. 14-md-2543 (S.D.N.Y.)	Ignition switch defect class action.	Executive Committee
<i>In re Navistar MaxxForce Litigation</i> , No. 14-cv-10318 (N.D. Ill.)	Nationwide truck emissions control system defect class action; \$135 million nationwide settlement.	Co-Lead Counsel
<i>NCUA v. RBS Securities, Inc.</i> , No. 13-cv-6726 (S.D.N.Y.)	Securities litigation related to residential mortgage-backed securities; accepted offer of judgment for \$129.6 million, plus fees	Represented Government Agency
<i>In re Adobe Systems, Inc. Privacy Litigation</i> , No. 13-cv-05226 (N.D. Cal.)	Data breach affecting 38 million customer accounts.	Executive Committee
<i>CMFG Life Ins. Co. v. RBS Sec. Inc.</i> , No. 12-cv-037 (W.D. Wis.)	Securities litigation related to residential mortgage-backed securities; recovery amounts confidential.	Counsel for Large Wisconsin Corporation
<i>Roberts v. Electrolux Home Products, Inc.</i> , No. 12-cv-1644 (C.D. Cal.)	Defective dryer class action resulting in \$35.5 million nationwide settlement.	Co-Lead Counsel
<i>In re Imprelis Herbicide Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation</i> , MDL No. 2284 (E.D. Pa.)	Tree and shrub damage from defective herbicide class action resulting in \$550 million settlement.	Co-Lead Counsel
<i>In re Sony Gaming Networks and Customer Data Security Breach Litigation</i> , No. 11-md-02258 (S.D. Cal.)	Data breach case affecting 77 million accounts.	Co-Lead Counsel

<i>In re Michaels Stores Pin Pad Litigation</i> , No. 11-cv-3350 (N.D. Ill.)	Data breach lawsuit concerning compromised payment information.	Co-Lead Counsel
<i>In re StarLink Corn Products Liability Litigation</i> , No. 01-md-1403 (N.D. Ill.)	Biotechnology class action concerning contamination of U.S. corn supply with unapproved genetically modified trait resulting in \$110 million settlement.	Co-Lead Counsel
<i>In re Genetically Modified Rice Litigation</i> , No. 06-md-1811 (E.D. Mo.)	Biotechnology mass tort concerning contamination of U.S. rice supply resulting in aggregate settlements exceeding \$1.1 billion.	Co-Lead Counsel
<i>In re Porsche Cars Plastic Coolant Tubes Litigation</i> , No. 11-md-2233 (S.D. Ohio)	Nationwide class action involving defective engine coolant tubes resulting in \$45 million settlement.	Co-Lead Counsel
<i>In re: Reebok Easytone Litigation</i> , No. 10-CV-11977 (D. Mass.)	False advertising class action resulting in \$25 million, non-reversionary settlement fund.	Class Counsel
<i>In re Pharmatrak, Inc. Privacy Litigation</i> , No. 00-cv-11672 (D. Mass.)	Internet privacy lawsuit related to collection of personal information without consent.	Co-Lead Counsel
<i>NCUA v. Barclays Capital, Inc.</i> , No. 13-cv-6727 (S.D.N.Y.) & No. 12-cv-1631 (D. Kan.)	Securities litigation related to residential mortgage-backed securities; settled for \$325 million combined.	Represented Government Agency
<i>NCUA v. Wachovia Capital Markets LLC</i> , No. 13-cv-6719 (S.D.N.Y.) & No. 11-2649 (D. Kan.)	Securities litigation related to residential mortgage-backed securities; settled for \$53 million combined.	Represented Government Agency
<i>NCUA v. Morgan Stanley & Co., Inc.</i> , No. 13-cv-6705 (S.D.N.Y.) & No. 13-cv-2418 (D. Kan.)	Securities litigation related to residential mortgage-backed securities; settled for \$225 million combined.	Represented Government Agency
<i>NCUA v. RBS Securities, Inc., et al.</i> , No. 11-cv-2340 (D. Kan.) & No. 11-cv-5887 (C.D. Cal.)	Securities litigation related to residential mortgage-backed securities; settled for \$1.1 billion.	Represented Government Agency
<i>Monsanto Co. v. Syngenta Seeds, Inc.</i> , No. 07-cv-543 (E.D. Mo)	Breach of licensing agreement related to access to Monsanto's newest patented soybean technology; resulted in favorable settlement agreement.	Represented Large Biotechnology Corporation
<i>Gulf Power v. Peabody</i> , No. 06-cv-270 (N.D. Fla.)	Defending breach of coal supply agreement; tried to successful verdict.	Represented Large Energy Company

<i>Monsanto Co. v. Delta & Pine Land Company</i>	Confidential arbitration re licensing fees and obligations related Monsanto's patented cotton technology.	Represented Large Biotechnology Corporation
<i>Monsanto Co. v. Syngenta Seeds, Inc.</i> , No. 2107CC-01361 (Missouri State Court, St. Louis County)	Licensing dispute related to Monsanto's patented soybean technology; tried to successful verdict; received all remedies sought, including declaratory judgment and injunctive relief.	Represented Large Biotechnology Corporation
<i>Monsanto Co. v. Garst Seed Co.</i> , No. 2104CC-04999 (Missouri State Court – St. Louis County)	Breach of contract case. Won summary judgment.	Represented Large Biotechnology Corporation
<i>In re DoubleClick, Inc. Privacy Litigation</i> , No. 00-cv-0641 (S.D.N.Y.)	Internet privacy class action.	Co-Lead Counsel
<i>Supnick v. Amazon.com, Inc.</i> , No. C00-0221P (W.D. Wash.)	Internet privacy lawsuit related to installation of tracking software.	Co-Lead Counsel
<i>Monsanto Co. v. E.I. du Pont De Nemours & Co. Inc.</i> , No. 00-cv-00952 (E.D. Mo.)	Patent infringement lawsuit; tried to successful \$1 billion verdict, the fourth-largest patent-infringement jury verdict in U.S. history	Represented Large Biotechnology Corporation

DiCello Levitt Gutzler LLC's Proposed Attorneys to Litigate this Case

With offices in Chicago, Cleveland, New York, St. Louis, and Washington, D.C., our attorneys have been acknowledged as Super Lawyers and Leading Lawyers by Law Dragon, and AV-Rated by Martindale-Hubbell, and recognized as best in their fields by prominent legal publications. In addition, the firm's technology practice has been recognized as the "Privacy and Data Breach Practice Group of the Year" by *The National Law Journal*, and firm's attorneys have been included in the Law Bulletin's 40 Under 40 publication, *National Trial Lawyers* 40 Under 40 list, and the *Best Lawyers in America* publication.

Beyond recognition from legal periodicals, the firm's attorneys have contributed to the legal community through scholarship and speaking engagements, including as a panelist for the Women's Bar Association of Illinois, testifying before the Illinois Supreme Court Rules Committee on class action practice, and chairing an annual class action litigation conference in Chicago.

Biographies for the firm's attorneys proposed to be a part of the leadership in this case appear below. Additional biographies can be found at www.dicellolevitt.com.



Adam J. Levitt
Partner

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EDUCATION

Northwestern University Pritzker
School of Law, J.D.

Columbia College, Columbia
University, A.B., *magna cum laude*

Adam operates one of the nation's leading commercial litigation practices, having achieved billions in recoveries for his clients.

A founding partner of DiCello Levitt, Adam Levitt is one of the nation's leading advocates for plaintiffs in commercial litigation, class actions, mass torts, and public client cases. He has extensive experience leading multidistrict and other nationwide complex litigation lawsuits, with a substantial focus on deceptive trade practices, insurance, financial fraud, sophisticated technology issues, and new approaches to compound legal issues.

A leader in the field of developing novel approaches to damages methodologies, Mr. Levitt has recovered billions of dollars for clients and class members. As co-lead counsel in three of the largest biotechnology class actions in history, he recovered more than \$1.7 billion for class members: *In re Genetically Modified Rice Litig.* (E.D. Mo.) (securing settlements exceeding \$1.1 billion); *In re Imprelis Herbicide, Sales Practice and Products Liability Litig.* (E.D. Pa.) (\$550 million settlement); and *In re StarLink Corn Products Liability Litig.* (N.D. Ill.) (\$110 million settlement). In those cases, Mr. Levitt devised the market loss damages model used in every similar case since *StarLink*. His legal writing related to these novel theories and damages modeling earned Mr. Levitt the Burton Award for Finest Law Firm Writer (2017) and the American Agricultural Law Association's Professional Scholarship Award (2017).

Recognized as a "pioneer" in litigation involving complex technology issues by Judge James Ware, former Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, Mr. Levitt has served in leadership roles in a variety of multidistrict class action cases related to sophisticated frauds committed through the use of technology. For example, Mr. Levitt was recently appointed to the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in the nationwide class action against Intel Corp. related to security vulnerabilities in the company's ubiquitous CPUs. *In re: Intel Corp. CPU Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation* (D. Or.).

Mr. Levitt's victories extend to other areas of practice, including in automotive cases, where he served as a member of the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in *In re Volkswagen "Clean Diesel" Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litig.* (N.D. Cal.), a case resulting in over \$16 billion in total settlements for consumers. Mr. Levitt has also served in leadership positions in a number of other cases, including *In re Polaris Mktg., Sales Practices, and Prods. Liab. Litig.* (D. Minn.) (Co-Lead Counsel); *In re Navistar Maxxforce Engines, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litig.* (N.D. Ill.) (Co-Lead Counsel); and *In re General Motors LLC Ignition Switch Litig.* (S.D.N.Y.) (Executive Committee).

Nationally recognized as an authority on class action litigation, Mr. Levitt is the President of Class Action Trial Lawyers, an elected member of the American Law Institute and the Economic Club of Chicago and serves on advisory boards for the Duke Law Center for Judicial Studies, the American Constitution Society, and the Institute for Consumer Antitrust Studies. He has testified before the Illinois Supreme Court Rules Committee on class action practice and chairs an annual class action litigation conference in Chicago. Mr. Levitt has an "AV" rating from Martindale-Hubbell and has been named an Illinois Super Lawyer every year since 2012.

Adam J. Levitt,
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PRACTICE AREAS

- Antitrust Litigation
- Appellate Litigation
- Commercial Litigation
- Class Action Litigation
- Insurance Litigation
- Product Liability Litigation
- Public Client Litigation
- Securities and Financial Services Litigation

HONORS

- Burton Award, Finest Law Firm Writer
- “AV” rating, Martindale-Hubbell
- Super Lawyer: Class Actions & Mass Torts, Illinois (2012-present)
- 500 Leading Lawyers in the U.S., Lawdragon
- Litigator of the Week, American Lawyer

SELECTED WRITINGS AND PRESENTATIONS

Law review articles

- *The Gift That Keeps on Giving: Price Overhang Damages in Commodity Crop Cases*, 51 VAL. U. L. REV. 375 (2017) (co-authored with Russell L. Lamb)
- *Agricultural “Market Touching”: Modernizing Trespass to Chattels in Crop Contamination Cases*, 38 U. HAW. L. REV. 409 (2016) (co-authored with Nicole Negowetti)
- *CAFA and Federalized Ambiguity: The Case for Discretion in the Unpredictable Class Action*, 120 YALE L.J. ONLINE 231 (2011)

Other recent writings

- “Murky Waters,” *Trial Magazine* (May 2020)
- “A Broken Net: When Consumer Goods Get Hacked,” *Trial Magazine* Dec. 2018)
- “Curating the Ascertainability Fallacy—The Ninth Circuit Strikes Back,” *AAJ Class Action Litigation Newsletter* (Winter 2017)

Recent notable presentations

- Cybersecurity Breakout Session, Fraud Prevention Conference (2020)
- *Emerging Trends in COVID-19 Litigation*, Everlaw “Fireside Chat” Webinar Series (2020)
- *Class Action Landscape in a Post-COVID World*, Angeion Group Leading Litigators Zoominar (2020)
- *Navigating Funding Regulations in the US: Understanding Confidentiality, Disclosure and Transparency on a State-by-State Basis*, General Counsel Forum on Litigation Finance (2019)
- *The Current Role of Class Actions in Complex Litigation*, *Contemporary Issues in Complex Litigation*, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law (2018)

BAR ADMISSIONS

Illinois and New York

Additional Members of the Firm

Our attorneys have the ability to successfully try cases across the spectrum of complex commercial litigation, financial fraud and securities litigation, public litigation, class actions, defective drug and device cases, catastrophic injuries, and other areas of law. The firm boasts an impressive roster of additional attorneys.



Mark A. DiCello
Partner

EDUCATION

Cleveland-Marshall College of Law,
J.D.

University of Dayton, B.A.

One of the nation's leading plaintiffs' attorneys, Mark regularly acts as lead and co-lead counsel in major personal injury and mass tort actions, with substantial recoveries for victims of injustice.

Mark DiCello has established a national practice representing victims ranging from individuals suffering catastrophic personal injuries to classes of plaintiffs affected by harmful medical devices, pharmaceutical products, chemicals, and automobiles. In recent years, he has been appointed co-lead counsel in massive multidistrict litigation involving defective pelvic mesh devices and was appointed to a plaintiffs' committee in a products liability litigation over metal hip implants, which ultimately led to over \$12 billion in settlements. Always seeking to improve his craft, he has completed the curriculum of the Trial Lawyers College.

Mr. DiCello holds leadership positions in the Association of Plaintiffs' Interstate Trucking Lawyers of America, as well as The National Trial Lawyers. Mark is frequently asked to speak at gatherings of trial lawyers, and has addressed national organizations on topics ranging from defective medical devices, medical malpractice, environmental catastrophes, and advanced trial skills.



Greg Gutzler
Partner

EDUCATION

University of Michigan Law School,
J.D.

University of California, Berkeley,
B.A.

Greg is a well-respected litigator, having represented both corporate clients and consumers in the largest cases in the country.

Mr. Gutzler is an experienced trial lawyer with a track record of results in high-stakes cases, handling all aspects of complex commercial litigation, including securities fraud, antitrust, Lanham Act, whistleblower, ERISA, RICO, patent infringement, breach of contract, unfair competition, and appraisal litigation. Greg has litigated extensively on both the plaintiff and defense side, working at his own boutique firm, as well as one of the nation's most prestigious plaintiffs' firms, and before that, as a partner of an Am Law 100 defense firm. Greg is a trusted advocate, chosen by clients when they need candid, creative, and aggressive approaches to create business solutions and decisive litigation successes.

Greg represents hedge funds, private equity funds, venture capitalists, individuals, companies, and governmental entities in complex lawsuits in federal and state court, and arbitration, across the United States and internationally. Greg currently represents a series of hedge funds and private equity investors in multiple commercial arbitrations in the finance sectors, involving damages in the billions.



Kenneth P. Abbarno
Partner

EDUCATION

Cleveland-Marshall College of Law,
J.D.

Canisius College, B.A.

Kenneth has led multiple million-dollar trials involving medical malpractice, products liability, and transportation claims.

Mr. Abbarno's practice includes a wide range of civil litigation including, but not limited to, catastrophic injury cases, transportation industry litigation, toxic torts, products liability, professional liability, employer intentional tort, and other complex litigation. He has tried well over 50 civil lawsuits, and has handled cases in Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Virginia, Kentucky, Indiana and New York.

Selected as an Ohio Super Lawyer every year since 2010, Mr. Abbarno is also an Inside Business Leading Lawyer, rated by The Best Lawyers in America, and named Transportation Lawyer of the Year in Cleveland. He has a Superb Avvo rating of 10 out of 10.



F. Franklin Amanat
Partner

EDUCATION

Harvard Law School, J.D. *cum laude*

University of Pennsylvania, B.A.
summa cum laude

Editor, *The Harvard Law Review*,
Volumes 103-04

Frank Amanat has almost three decades of litigation expertise, shepherding the largest single recovery the Department of Justice has ever obtained in a civil penalty action under FIRREA.

Frank Amanat is a veteran litigator with over 29 years of experience in a broad range of complex legal matters, with particular expertise in areas of constitutional and administrative law, as well as class action litigation, complex and mass torts, financial fraud, regulatory fraud, health care fraud, pharmaceutical litigation, False Claims Act litigation, asset forfeiture, civil rights, environmental, labor and employment, bankruptcy, and immigration. He regularly addresses legal issues of considerable complexity and importance, and litigate, or provide legal advice on, significant questions of constitutional, statutory, and common law. At DiCello Levitt Gutzler, he specializes in representing victims of fraudulent and illegal conduct, as well as whistleblowers, governmental entities, and other plaintiffs, in a wide range of complex litigation, including class actions and multidistrict litigation, focusing on financial and securities fraud, health care fraud, civil rights, mass torts, and other commercial litigation.

Prior to joining DiCello Levitt Gutzler, Frank spent 24 years at the Department of Justice, including more than two decades as an Assistant United States Attorney and then Senior Counsel at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York (Brooklyn), plus stints at the Office of Legal Policy and the Office of Immigration Litigation. From 2013 to 2018, Frank served as lead counsel for the Government in the successful investigation and prosecution of Barclays Bank and two of its former executives for fraud in connection with the sale of residential mortgage-backed securities (RMBS); the \$2 billion settlement, reached in early 2018, is the largest single recovery the Department of Justice has ever obtained in a civil penalty action filed under FIRREA.



Bruce D. Bernstein
Partner

EDUCATION

The George Washington University
Law School, J.D.

University of Vermont, B.S., *summa
cum laude*

Bruce Bernstein has successfully handled a wide range of commercial litigation including suits at all levels, including before the U.S. Supreme Court.

As a Trial Attorney in the Civil Fraud Section of the U.S. Department of Justice, Bruce investigated, litigated, and resolved complex qui tam actions asserting claims under the False Claims Act. In addition, on behalf of the United States, he oversaw the litigation of a large action, pending in Germany, asserting securities fraud-type claims against a multinational automobile manufacturer, which was brought to recover losses incurred by the Federal Thrift Savings Plan, one of the largest defined contribution plans in the world. In private practice, he successfully litigated some of the largest securities fraud actions ever filed. Bruce was a pivotal member of the team that secured significant decisions from the Third Circuit and U.S. Supreme Court in the securities class action against Merck & Co., Inc., which arose out of Merck's alleged misrepresentations about the cardiovascular safety of its painkiller drug Vioxx. That action was ultimately resolved for more than \$1 billion, which at the time of its resolution, was the largest securities recovery ever achieved on behalf of investors against a pharmaceutical company.



Robert F. DiCello
Partner

EDUCATION

Cleveland-Marshall College of Law,
J.D.

Northwestern University, M.A.

University of Dayton, B.A.

A powerful storyteller and trial lawyer, Robert has earned multi-million-dollar recoveries for victims.

Mr. DiCello has extensive experience advocating for clients in mass tort and class action litigation, in addition to maintaining a growing practice focused on curbing police misconduct, government abuse, and catastrophic injury. He represents victims of police abuse around the country, earning jury verdicts of \$22 million in 2016, \$8.7 million in 2017, and \$50 million in 2019 (recently affirmed) for various cases involving police misconduct. A powerful storyteller before juries, he also frequently represents clients before appellate courts.

Working in the largest prosecutor's office in the country out of law school—the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office—Mr. DiCello rose to manage as many as eight prosecutors in four different courts. During that time, he tried more than 40 jury trials, involving major felonies from financial crimes to violent crimes to drug offenses.

He received a master's degree in music from Northwestern University, and his law degree from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, where he served as Editor-in-Chief of *The Cleveland State Law Review*. In 2014, he attended and completed the curriculum of the Trial Lawyer's College.



Daniel R. Flynn
Partner

EDUCATION

Indiana University Maurer School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*

Illinois Wesleyan University, B.A.

Dan has dedicated his career to protecting the environment and ensuring that people are afforded a safe and healthful place to work.

Dan's work includes the representation of governmental entities, individual consumers, and corporate clients—all with one primary goal in mind: ensuring the protection of human health and the environment. His stewardship ensures not only that polluters be held responsible for contamination and clean-up, but that corporate entities understand their responsibilities under state and federal environmental laws. As a result of Dan's advocacy in counseling clients on compliance, his corporate clients lead their respective industries in environmental stewardship efforts under a number of rules and regulations including the Clean Water Act (CWA), the Clean Air Act (CAA), the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA), and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). Most recently, Dan joined a team of other DiCello Levitt attorneys and appointed Special Assistant Attorneys General to file lawsuits against polluters in the State of Michigan, seeking to hold them responsible for contaminating the environment with poly- and perfluoroalkyl chemicals, sometimes referred to as "forever chemicals."

Dan frequently counsels clients on developing and maintaining state-of-the-art safety and health programs that ensure all employees enjoy safe and healthful workplaces, and works closely with both his clients and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to enhance employee safety and health well beyond OSHA's minimum requirements.



Amy E. Keller
Partner

EDUCATION

The John Marshall Law School,
Chicago, Illinois, J.D.

Administrative Editor, *The John Marshall Law Review*

University of Michigan,
Ann Arbor, Michigan, B.A.

Amy has built a national reputation as a zealous consumer advocate, directing litigation in nationwide class action cases.

Amy Keller has experience successfully litigating a variety of complex litigation cases in leadership positions across the United States. As the Firm's Technology Practice Chair, Ms. Keller is the youngest woman ever appointed to serve as co-lead class counsel in a nationwide class action. In the multidistrict litigation pending against Equifax related to its 2017 data breach, Ms. Keller represents nearly 150 million class members and helped to secure a \$1.5-billion settlement. In another case, against Marriott, Ms. Keller represents nearly 300 million consumers, securing important case milestones on a motion to dismiss as it related to the value of personal information. She holds numerous other leadership positions in nationwide class action cases across the country, securing victories against industry titans like Apple, BMW, and Electrolux.

Ms. Keller is an elected member of the American Law Institute, and a two-time chair of the Chicago Bar Association Class Action Committee. Ms. Keller is recognized by Illinois Super Lawyers as a "Rising Star," and is a board member and Executive Committee member of Public Justice, a not-for-profit legal advocacy organization. She is a member of the Sedona Conference's Working Group 11, which focuses on litigation issues surrounding technology, privacy, artificial intelligence, and data security. In 2018, Ms. Keller was named a *National Law Journal* Plaintiff Trailblazer, and one of the "Top 40 Under 40" trial lawyers in Illinois by National Trial Lawyers.



Chris Stombaugh
Partner

EDUCATION

Drake University School of Law, J.D.,
with honors

University of Wisconsin, B.A.

Chris uses a multidisciplinary approach to trial advocacy through the use of cognitive neuroscience.

Mr. Stombaugh concentrates his practice in the areas of personal injury, wrongful death, medical negligence and product liability. He has been a consistent thought leader on applying cognitive neuroscience techniques to trial advocacy as a trial lawyer and as a frequent instructor to other trial lawyers for most of his 25-year career.

His expertise has led to several record setting jury verdicts, often seven and eight figures. The Wisconsin native's professional passion is to empower deserving people to have their stories heard and cared about by juries in courtrooms across America.

A member of the Wisconsin Association for Justice since 1997, Mr. Stombaugh served as the organization's President for the 2014 term. He is also a member of the Iowa Association for Justice as well as the American Association for Justice. He has been chosen as a Wisconsin Super Lawyer every year since 2010 and has a 10/10 Avvo Rating. He speaks regularly to state bar and trial lawyer associations nationwide on modern and effective trial advocacy.



John E. Tangren
Partner

EDUCATION

University of Chicago Law School, J.D.

University of Chicago, B.A.

John has gained widespread recognition as an extraordinary attorney with particular success in nationwide consumer and antitrust class actions.

John Tangren maintains a national practice in consumer class action litigation, with vast experience in the field of automotive defect litigation. Mr. Tangren—who has spent the last decade advocating for plaintiffs—is presently leading DiCello Levitt's efforts in several nationwide class cases, including *Sloan v. Gen. Motors LLC* (N.D. Cal.) and *In re Polaris Mktg., Sales Practices, and Prods. Liab. Litig.* (D. Minn.).

Mr. Tangren has also successfully represented consumer plaintiffs on the appellate level. He played a significant role in the briefing for two impactful Seventh Circuit decisions in the class action field: *Messner v. Northshore University HealthSystem*, 669 F.3d 802 (7th Cir. 2012), which reversed the district court's denial of class certification and has been cited in over 400 cases since then for its guidance regarding class certification; and *In re Text Messaging Antitrust Litigation*, 630 F.3d 622 (7th Cir. 2010), which was decided on the merits in an opinion written by Judge Posner. In both cases, Mr. Tangren crafted successful narratives regarding highly technical facts (in the health care and cellular services contexts) and applied them to complex areas of law (the sufficiency of complaint allegations and class certification showings) in such a way as to demonstrate to the appeals court why the consumer plaintiffs should carry the day.



Mark Hamill
Senior Counsel

EDUCATION

Northwestern University Law
School, J.D., *cum laude*

Washington & Jefferson College, B.A.

Mark represents plaintiffs in all aspects of direct and class actions.

Mr. Hamill concentrates on commercial, antitrust, securities, and consumer cases, often taking a lead role with expert witnesses in finance, accounting, and economics topics. He also serves as eDiscovery counsel in many of his cases, leveraging his depth of experience in this area as an attorney, and as an eDiscovery project manager serving Fortune 500 and major accounting firm clients in large-scale, high intensity projects.

Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Hamill represented Direct Action Purchaser plaintiffs in antitrust cases, advancing their interests and coordinating with counsel in parallel actions. He also represented shareholders in securities class actions at a securities boutique firm in New York, including a Chinese reverse merger case where his deposition and class certification work were instrumental to achieving a favorable settlement for the class.

Before taking on eDiscovery projects and plaintiff representations, Mr. Hamill practiced law with some of Chicago's most prominent firms, where he served on trial and arbitration hearing teams in antitrust and accounting cases.



Laura Reasons
Senior Counsel

EDUCATION

Chicago-Kent College of Law, J.D.
Order of the Coif

Washington University in St. Louis,
B.A.

Laura has over a decade of experience as a labor and employment attorney in matters ranging from workplace discrimination matters to counseling on compliance and best practices.

Previously representing companies in collective and class action lawsuits under the Fair Labor Standards Act and state wage and hour laws, Ms. Reasons' experience spans multiple industries, including healthcare and hospitality. Now, as a plaintiffs' attorney, Ms. Reasons' experience has given her a unique perspective that translates well into pursuing justice for individual claimants.

Before joining private practice, Ms. Reasons served as a judicial extern to the Honorable George W. Lindberg of the Northern District of Illinois. She also has a history of performing pro bono work and community service. Throughout her career, she has served as a Public Interest Law Initiative (PILI) fellow at Domestic Violence Legal Clinic, having previously served on the organization's young professionals board. She has also represented individuals in immigration cases pro bono, including asylum seekers who were persecuted in their home countries for their sexual orientation and political party affiliation, DACA applicants, and incarcerated individuals.



Mark M. Abramowitz
Associate

EDUCATION

The University of Toledo College of Law, J.D.

University of Guelph, B.A.

Mark is an emerging leader in national mass tort and technology litigation.

Mark M. Abramowitz has established a national profile in class action and mass tort litigation, having represented plaintiffs in actions involving automotive and Internet technology issues. He has been selected to serve on national discovery review teams and participated in national mediations, resolving hundreds of cases and distributing millions of dollars to clients injured by corporations. See *In re Imprelis Herbicide, Sales Practice and Products Liability Litig.* (E.D. Pa.).

Outside of his own cases, Mr. Abramowitz actively investigates ways to integrate technology into the practice of law. Regularly consulted on cloud-based systems, discovery technology, the Internet of Things, and litigation concerning the storage and security of data, Mr. Abramowitz is developing a reputation as an authority on computing issues. See *Electronics in the Courtroom*, 29th Annual accredited CLE (2016); *How to manage a mass tort inventory*, OAJ Annual Convention (2015); *Professional Conduct – efilng*, 27th Annual CLE Update (2014); *Marketing & Electronic Communications*, 26th Annual Accredited CLE (2013).



Daniel R. Ferri
Associate

EDUCATION

University of Illinois College of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*

New York University, B.A., *cum laude*

Daniel litigates consumer class actions, public client cases, and other complex commercial lawsuits.

Mr. Ferri represents clients in a wide array of matters, litigating contract, patent, trade secret, copyright and antitrust disputes in federal and state courts throughout the country. He currently serves as appointed counsel for the State of New Mexico in a variety of matters, enforcing the State's unfair practices act, and also represents individuals in multi-state class actions involving consumer fraud, breach of warranty, and violations of ERISA and RICO.

An experienced litigator in technology issues, Mr. Ferri has represented plaintiffs asserting class claims against Volkswagen arising from the carmaker's "defeat devices" to evade federal and statewide emissions standards. He has also represented inventors and companies in intellectual property disputes throughout the country, acknowledging the importance of a trade secrets to advancing a business's interests and growing. See, e.g., *Research Frontiers Inc. v. E Ink Corp.*, Case No. 13-cv-01231 (D. Del.) and *Cascades Computer Innovation LLC v. RPX Corp.*, No. 12-cv-01143 (N.D. Cal.).

A thoughtful contributor to the bar's ongoing discussion of important legal issues, Mr. Ferri frequently offers legal analysis to fellow practitioners seeking clarity on complex subjects. *2019 Survey of Federal Class Action Law: A Circuit-by-Circuit Analysis*, American Bar Association (2019); *Curing the Ascertainability Fallacy—the Ninth Circuit Strikes Back*, American Association for Justice Class Action Litigation Newsletter (Winter 2017). Mr. Ferri is a volunteer with the Chicago Lawyers Committee for Human Rights.



Justin J. Hawal
Associate

EDUCATION

Cleveland-Marshall School of Law,
J.D., *cum laude*

St. Louis University, B.A.

Justin fights for individuals who have suffered harm from negligence, defective products, and civil rights abuses.

Mr. Hawal brings a passion for justice to his work on behalf of victims of corporate and government wrongdoing. His work has spanned personal injury, product liability, and civil rights litigation. He has particular experience in cases involving defendants in the pharmaceutical and automotive industries.

During law school, Justin was selected to join *The Cleveland State Law Review* and published a scholarly article on independent tort actions for spoliation of evidence under Ohio law. He was also an active member of the civil litigation clinic, through which he represented an asylum-seeking immigrant from Honduras, among other clients.



Mary McKenna
Associate

EDUCATION

University of Mississippi School of
Law, J.D., *cum laude*

University of Illinois, B.A., *cum laude*

With experience representing both plaintiffs and defendants, Mary's trial skills rival those of senior litigators.

Mary is an experienced litigator in mass tort and complex litigation, having represented clients in a wide range of matters, including serious personal injury, products liability, and environmental litigation. Prior to joining DiCello Levitt, Mary began her legal career practicing insurance defense in Virginia, thereafter litigating mass toxic tort claims pending in Chicago and the greater Midwest.

Mary's passion for justice extends beyond the courtroom. She is a member of the Shriver Center on Poverty Law's Professionals' Council, which assists the Shriver Center's fight for economic and racial justice through fundraising efforts and advocacy. In law school, Mary was selected to participate in the Lott Leadership Graduate Exchange Program with Nelson Mandela University in South Africa, where she studied societal and racial reconciliation in Mississippi and South Africa on local and national levels. She was also an elected student senator and an executive board member of the *Mississippi Law Journal*.



Adam Prom
Associate

EDUCATION

The University of Texas Law School,
J.D.

Marquette University, B.A

Adam Prom employs his skills as a young trial attorney to achieve favorable results for his clients.

Beyond his frequent trial work in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Law Division, Adam Prom's practice is focused on representing plaintiffs in complex litigation in federal courts across the United States.

He has been deeply involved in nationwide class actions regarding the use of sophisticated damages modeling in consumer product and vehicle defect lawsuits, where he played a key role in motion practice regarding plaintiffs' expert witnesses, class certification, and summary judgment. *See, e.g., Elward, et al. v. Electrolux Home Products, Inc.* (N.D. Ill.); *Ryseweyk, et al. v. Sears Holdings Corp., et al.* (N.D. Ill.); and *Catalano, et al. v. BMW of North America, et al.* (S.D.N.Y.) (resulted in nationwide settlement). He also represented plaintiffs in an ERISA class action concerning misclassification of insurance agents. *Jammal, et al. v. American Family Ins. Group, et al.* (N.D. Ohio).

Mr. Prom has demonstrated a commitment to serving underrepresented communities, volunteering as a mentor for high school students at the Legal Prep Charter Academy, a free, open-enrollment public high school in the West Garfield Park neighborhood of Chicago.

Prior to joining DiCello Levitt, Mr. Prom served as a judicial extern to a federal judge in the Northern District of Illinois and a federal magistrate judge in the Eastern District of Wisconsin.



Brittany Hartwig
Associate

EDUCATION

Loyola University Chicago School of
Law, J.D., *Certificate in Advocacy*

University of Arizona, B.A.

Brittany has a broad range of experience litigating matter that concern public entities and complex commercial structures.

Brittany Hartwig is an associate in DiCello Levitt's Chicago office with experience litigating complex commercial cases and actions involving serious injuries. She represents individuals, businesses, and public entities in a wide range of disputes, protecting their interests in state and federal courts across the country.

Prior to joining the firm, Brittany represented individuals, corporations, municipalities, and nonprofit organizations through all stages of litigation, including pretrial, trial, and post-trial motions. After successfully representing the defendant in a federal antitrust bench trial, she led the litigation strategy related to the appeal and authored the subsequent appellee brief. She has acted as lead attorney in jury trials involving federal civil rights claims and state personal injury claims, obtaining favorable verdicts for her clients in each case.

Outside of the office, Brittany focuses on giving back to the Chicago community and serves on the Executive Board of the Children's Research Fund Junior Board in their philanthropic efforts to support the Anne & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago and the Stanley Manne Children's Research Institute.



Robert J. DiCello
Of Counsel

EDUCATION

Cleveland-Marshall College of Law,
J.D.

John Carroll University, B.A., *cum
laude*

Robert has been one of the leading personal injury and class action attorneys in the state of Ohio for the last four decades.

A co-founder of one of DiCello Levitt's predecessor firms, Mr. DiCello has amassed more than 45 years of professional experience and an extensive list of seven- and eight-figure recoveries for victims of injustice. He has deep experience in a wide range of class actions, personal injury cases, complex mass torts, and probate matters. Over his long and successful career, he has won multiple appeals before the Ohio Supreme Court.

Robert put himself through Cleveland-Marshall College of Law while working as a safety director at U.S. Steel Corp. While in law school, he was selected to join *The Cleveland-Marshall Law Review*. He began his legal career as an assistant prosecutor in the Lake County Prosecutor's Office and later become President of the Lake County Bar Association. He formed his own firm in 1978, managing it with great success over nearly 40 years until its members founded DiCello Levitt.

MATTHEW S. MILLER



Matt Miller has been practicing law since 1996. After graduating *cum laude* from Loyola University Chicago School of law, Mr. Miller began his career at Jenner & Block, an AmLaw 100 law firm and a preeminent litigation powerhouse.

While at Jenner & Block, Matt represented global corporations and corporate executives in high-stakes, complex disputes, including class action defense work for the Sara Lee Corporation. After leaving Jenner & Block, Matt built a successful litigation and general counsel practice, representing companies such as Groupon, Echo Global Logistics, and The TJX Companies, as well as corporate executives and other business leaders.

Matt has tried cases to verdict in state and federal courts, including a record-setting verdict in a wrongful death case in Mercer County, Illinois. *See Kemerer v. Illinois Power Co.*, No. 2001 L 8. Matt also has represented commercial clients in matters on appeal, including the successful defense of a difficult and precedent-setting employment case in *Verkulien v. MediaBank*, 646 F.3d 979 (7th Cir. 2011). In addition to those matters, Matt has been lead or co-lead counsel for clients in litigation concerning non-compete disputes, fraud claims, breach of fiduciary duty, insurance coverage matters, medical malpractice, personal injury, contract disputes and more.

In 2011, Matt was hired as Deputy General Counsel for Groupon, where his work included global litigation, employment, IP and international (including a year based in Switzerland). While at Groupon, Matt successfully defended securities class actions, employment class actions, and privacy class actions, along with IP lawsuits and contract disputes.

In 2020, Matt re-established his private practice in order to provide litigation and general counsel services in a cost-effective, client-focused manner. Matt was part of the team of lawyers to file the first-of-its-kind lawsuit on behalf of university students seeking to recover fees paid for campus services that were no longer available after the universities closed their campuses due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Matt has since been leading the effort in these cases across the country, filing class actions against public universities in Arizona (the first case of its kind), Florida, California and Oklahoma, and also filing class actions against private universities such as Grand Canyon University and Liberty University. On September 15, 2020, Matt and his co-counsel were appointed Interim Class Counsel on behalf of all students seeking fee refunds from the California State University system. *See Miller v. Board of Trustees of the California State University*, No. 2:20-cv-03833 (C.D. Cal., Sept. 16, 2020).

A frequent speaker at CLE events, Matt has been a speaker at, among other conferences, the Perrin Class Action Litigation conference.

Matt has been recognized for his abilities over the years, having been included in the *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin's* 40 Illinois Attorneys Under 40 to Watch, and having been selected as an Illinois Rising Star. A certified trial instructor with the National Institute for Trial Advocacy, Matt has taught trial advocacy at his alma mater, Loyola University Chicago School of Law. While in law school, Matt was National Champion of the American College of Trial Lawyer's prestigious trial competition, and he was a Fellow with the Corboy Fellowship for Trial Advocacy.

MATTHEW S. MILLER

EXPERIENCE

MATTHEW S MILLER LLC - Chicago, IL

2005-2007, 2009-2011; 2020-present

Founder

Established law firm providing general counsel services, dispute resolution and litigation services. Clients have included CEOs, corporate executives, multi-national corporations, private companies and individuals. Representative matters have included employment litigation, non-compete issues, partnership disputes, fraud claims and breach of fiduciary duty matters. Tried cases to judges and juries; argued cases in the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. Filed first-of-its-kind class action on behalf of students seeking to recover fees after universities closed campuses in responses to COVID-19; appointed co-lead counsel in the case against the California State University system in *Miller v. Board of Trustees of the California State University*, No. 2:20-cv-03833-SWV RAO (C.D. Cal., Sept. 16, 2020).

GREEN THUMB INDUSTRIES, INC. - Chicago, IL

1/2019-10/2019

General Counsel, Corporate Secretary

Hired as first General Counsel for a fully-integrated, public-traded cannabis company, with retail, manufacturing and processing operations across several states. Responsible for legal and compliance functions. Created the company's code of conduct and launched an ethics hotline for all employees.

GROUPON, INC. - Chicago, IL

2011-2018

VICE PRESIDENT, DEPUTY GENERAL COUNSEL

Hired pre-IPO as Deputy General Counsel at Groupon, touted as the fastest growing company of all time. Scope of work included global litigation, employment, IP and international (including one year based in Switzerland). Defended against securities class actions, employment class actions and privacy class actions, among other disputes. Led teams around the world, covering as many as 43 countries at one point in time.

MUCH SHELIST, P.C. - Chicago, IL

2007-2009

Equity Partner

Merged Law Offices of Matthew S. Miller practice with mid-size, full-service Chicago law firm in order to expand the scope of services available to clients. Continued general counsel services for high-profile, high net worth clients, and maintained substantial general litigation practice in state and federal courts.

RICHARD J. PRENDERGAST, LTD. - Chicago, IL

2000-2005

Associate Attorney

Joined high-powered, boutique law firm representing major corporations and business leaders in state and federal courts before various administrative tribunals, arbitrators, and mediators across the country. Conducted numerous jury trials in state and federal courts, including a record-setting verdict in a jury trial in Mercer County, IL. Advised clients across a variety of industries and subject matters.

JENNER & BLOCK - Chicago, IL

1996-2000

Associate Attorney

Jenner & Block is an Am Law 100 global law firm with over 500 attorneys globally. Represented clients in high-profile, high-stakes matters. Representative clients included Sara Lee, Halliburton, Tom Clancy, S.N.A. Nut Company, and Chase Bank. In addition to the commercial work, actively participated in the firm's *pro bono* program, and handled civil and criminal matters for clients in need.

MATTHEW S. MILLER

EDUCATION, BAR ADMISSIONS, SELECT RECOGNITION & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Education:

- Loyola University Chicago School of Law, J.D., cum laude, 1996
- University of Wisconsin–Madison, B.A., Philosophy, 1993

Admitted to Practice:

- Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, General and Trial Bar
- U.S. Appellate Court for the Seventh Circuit

Select Recognition and Certification:

- Illinois Law & Politics, Rising Stars, 2010, 2011
- 40 Illinois Attorneys Under 40 to Watch, *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin*, 2008
- Chicago Volunteer Legal Services Distinguished Service Award 2005
- Fellow, Corboy Fellowship in Trial Advocacy, 1995-1996
- National Champion, American College of Trial Lawyers National Trial Competition, 1996
- National Institute Trial Academy Certified Trial Instructor

In the Community:

- Former Board Member: John Howard Association; Christopher House
- Public Interest Law Initiative Fellow, Legal Assistance Foundation
- Volunteer Server, Uptown Café
- Volunteer Attorney (former), Chicago Volunteer Legal Services
- Youth Soccer Coach, AYSO and Northwind Soccer Club
- USSF “E” Licensed Coach
- Team Member, US Men’s Masters Maccabi Soccer Team 2009 (Israel) and 2011 (Brazil)